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SUBJECT: STATUS OF KURSK
REF: (A) 77 MOSCOW 9343, (B) 77 MOSCOW 1985
1. AT MARCH 3 SESSION OF FIVE WESTERN ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL
COUNSELORS IN MOSCOW (SEPTELS) GERMAN MINISTER-COUNSELOR
STUELPNAGEL STATED THAT SOVIETS HAVE GIVEN ASSURANCES THAT
THEY WILL PAY DM 700 MILLION CASH AGAINST DOCUMENTS FOR
DELIVERY OF FIRST STEP (OF PHASE ONE) OF KURSK PROJECT
(DIRECT REDUCTION AND PELLETIZING).

2. STUELPNAGEL SAID THAT KURSK FOUNDRY AGREEMENT WOULD BE
READY FOR SIGNATURE BY AUTUMN OF 1978. HE SAID IT
HAD BEEN AGREED THAT GERMAN FIRMS WOULD ACTUALLY CONSTRUCT
BOTH THE STEEL WORKS AND THE FOUNDRY. THE BALL-BEARING
ASPECT OF THE KURSK COMPLEX HAD BEEN MUCH REDUCED IN
NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS, HE STATED. (HE DID NOT
MENTION ELECTRONICS.)
3. COMMENT: WE NOTE THAT THE "FIRST STEP" PRICE TAG OF
DM 700 MILLION IS ONLY SLIGHTLY OVER HALF THE DM 1.2
BILLION FIGURE CITED BY GERMANS IN FEBRUARY, 1977.
SOVIETS SEEM TO HAVE REDUCED THEIR APPETITE CONSIDERABLY
OR TO HAVE DECIDED TO INCREASE THEIR OWN COMMITMENT OF
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